

July 2023

Dear parents and carers,

As another academic year shortly draws to a close, we would like to thank you for all your support for our school and our students.

This has been another busy year as we put Covid firmly behind us and we have been proud of the effort and achievements of our students who make our school community the vibrant, purposeful and wonderful place it is.

We continue to focus on what it means to belong to Marple Hall. Reminding each other of our values of *Honesty, Determination, Readiness, Respect* and *Spark* and how we can all demonstrate them in our daily lives has seen our students continue to grow in confidence and maturity, both with regards to their attitude to learning and also their presentation around school. Our "Focus Fortnights" have seen thousands of postcards given out to students over the year, as we celebrate their demonstration of each of these five characteristics.

Our focus on Lifelong Literacy for all has seen an increase in teenage readers and we continue to remind students on a regular basis of the importance of reading and the positive impact this will have in all areas of their lives, not just their academic achievement.

Our "It's Not Okay" assemblies continue to focus on sexual harassment, appropriate and inappropriate behaviour. We continue to encourage students to come forward and speak to someone if they have been the victim of sexual harassment at any time.

Once again, we look forward to September and the new school year along with all the opportunities that this will provide. We remain truly grateful that parents and carers work in partnership with us so that we can continually raise standards in school and ensure the best outcomes for each student.

In terms of raising standards, we have spoken to all students about our three priorities for the next academic year. These are 1) Engagement and effort in every lesson 2) punctuality to school and lessons and 3) wearing smart uniform as an outward sign of their pride to belong to Marple Hall. We look forward to seeing how students will positively respond to these three areas of school life.

Equally, we would like to remind all parents and carers to refer to the website when purchasing uniform. Skirts must be the Marple Hall School approved skirts, purchased from Warrens or Monkhouses and may not be worn shorter than mid-thigh. Trousers must be black, tailored, long and formal and blazers are a compulsory uniform item. The only jumper permitted is the school logoed jumper but this item is optional. Shoes must be black and formal. Boots and trainers are not allowed. Fake tan, extreme hairstyles, nail polish, false nails and eyelashes are not allowed. No make up may be worn at Key Stage 3 and discreet make up only may be worn at Key Stage 4.

Students may be sent home to change or will be isolated if they wear inappropriate uniform. This way all parents will know that we are implementing the uniform policy very seriously and should hopefully relieve some family pressure to buy expensive items of footwear or clothing. If you have any doubt about shoes or any other uniform item, please contact your child's Year Team or me before purchasing and we will be happy to advise.

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School will close at 12.30pm on Thursday 20th July 2023. Students are able to wear their own clothes for the Enrichment days which are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and again for the activities on Thursday. If any of the school buses are unable to do an earlier pick up on this day, we will communicate this with parents and carers.

School will reopen for our Year 7 and Year 11 students on Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 8.30am and for all students on Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 8.30am.

Finally, a reminder that the new timings of the school day next year are 8.30am to 2.25pm on Mondays and 8.30am to 3.10pm Tuesday to Friday.

We look forward to seeing our students then and wish everyone an enjoyable and safe summer.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Gregory". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'C'.

Claire Gregory.  
Deputy Headteacher.